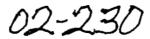
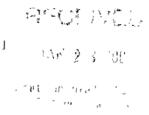
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Dear Commissioner Michael J. Copps

As a broadcast television viewer and consumer of electronics and computer products, I tage the Federal Communications Commussion to vote against the adoption of a "broadcast flag." I am outraged that the FCC would consider a regulation would restrict the way I enjoy television.

The broadcast flag is neither in my interest not the public's interest. It will prevent me from watching digital broadcast television in the ways I currently enjoy analog broadcast television—for example, it will restrict my ability to move the video I have recorded for personal viewing from room—to—room and place—to—place.

The broadcast flag will also lock out my computer as a way to watch my favorne shows using my choice of software on a plane or train, or to send a television clip of a high school football game to family and friends

I urthermore, if computers cannot freely receive digital television, how can I expect creative developers to discover new devices that enable me to use content in exciting ways I haven't even thought of? I value innovative devices like TiVo, ReplayTV and the Windows Media Center PC, which exist today because they were built to open standards using mexpensive, off—the—shelf computer parts

If the move to digital television does not make the public's viewing experience more enjoyable, flexible, and exciting, what compelling reason do I have as a consumer to buy new digital television equipment? A prettie picture is hardly enough reason for me to dispense with all my current consumer electronics and computer equipment. As a cruzen and viewer of broadcast television, I urge you to promote the digital television transition by opposing adoption of the broadcast flag.

Sincerely,

Cregory Houghland